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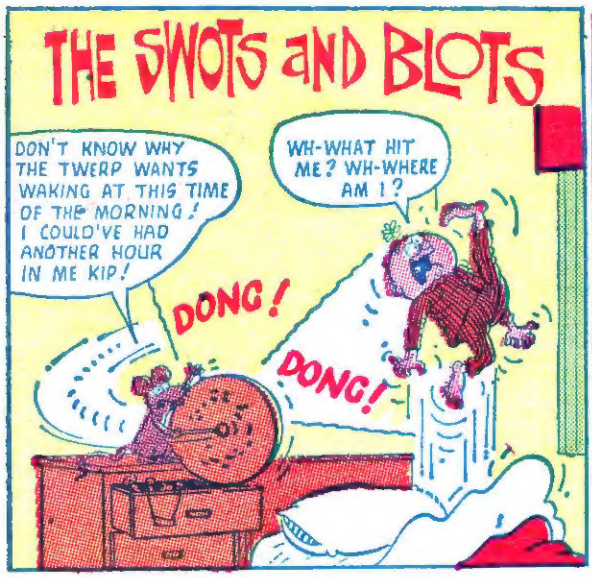

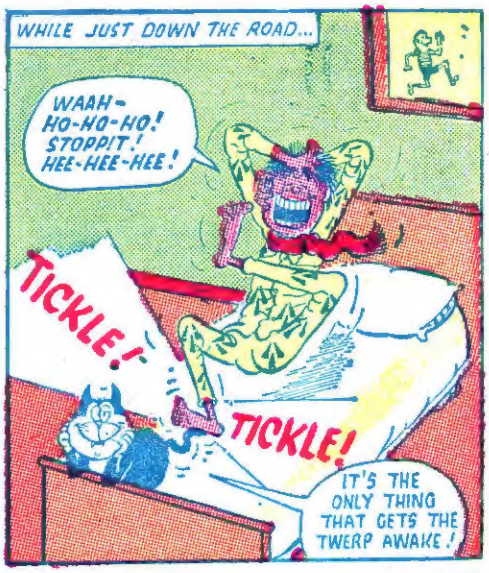

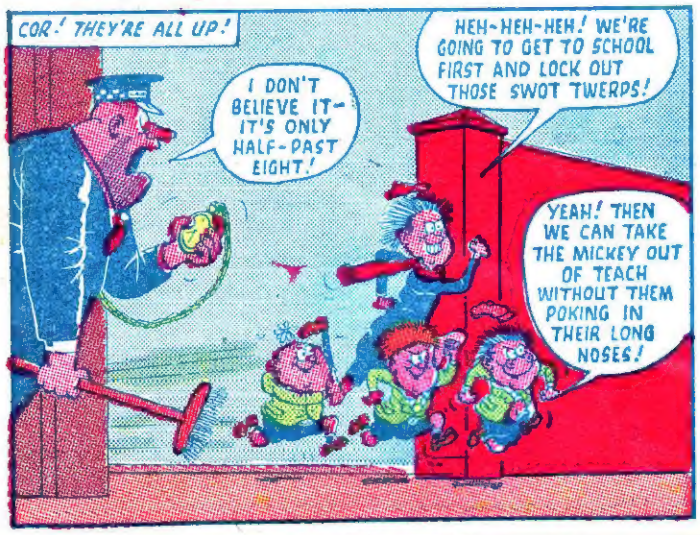

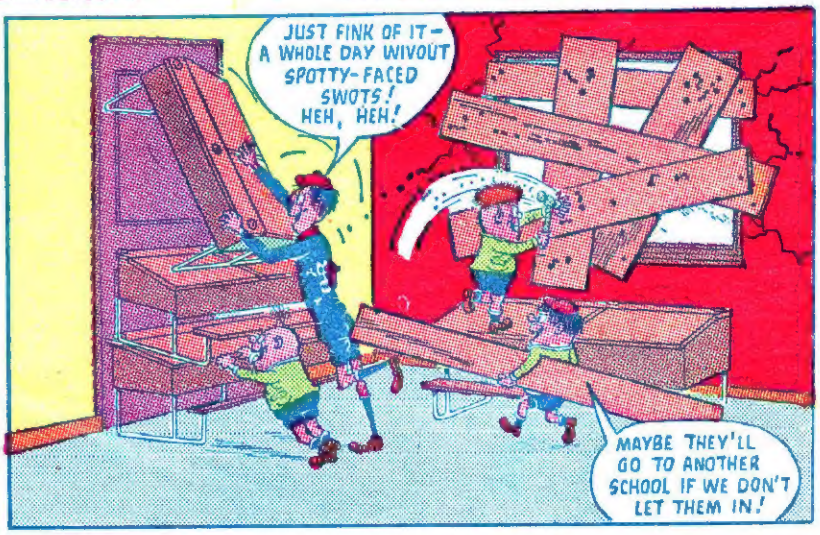

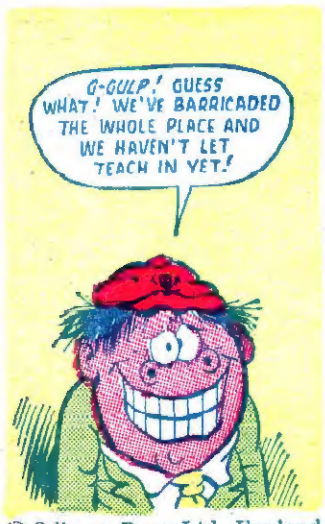

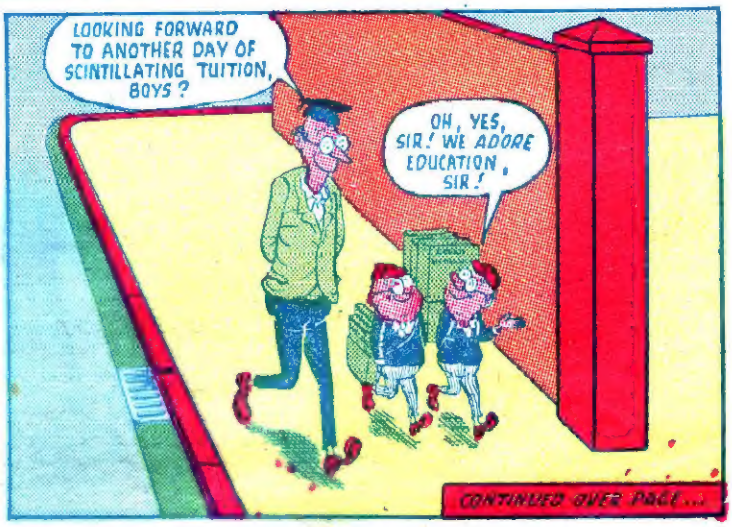

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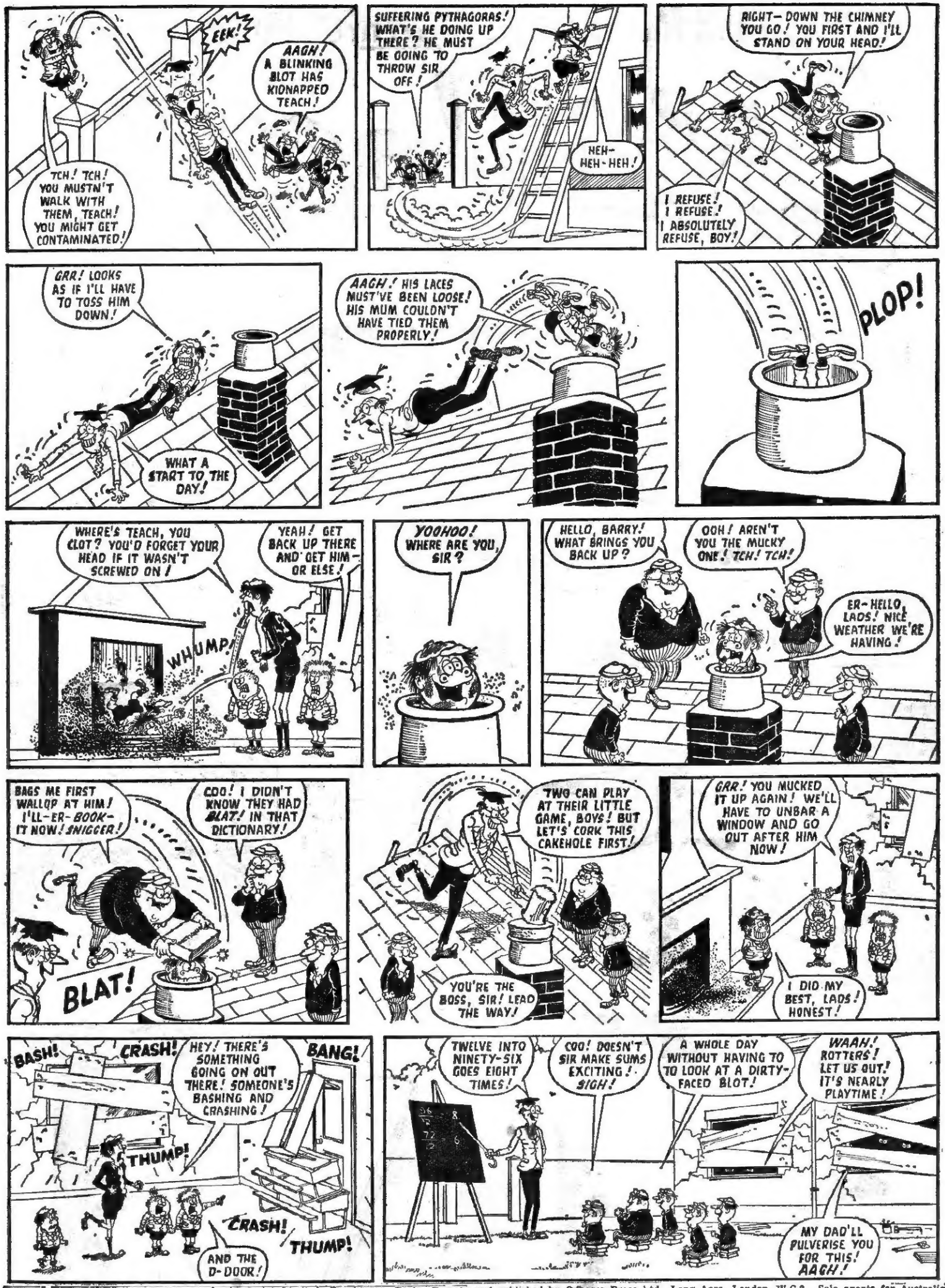

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BRIAN'S BRAIN

BRIAN KINGSLEY IS THE POSSESSOR OF AN ASTOUNDING ARTIFICIAL BRAIN. BUT BRIAN AND HIS FRIEND DUFFY ROLLS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO LEAVE THE BRAIN IN THE STRANGE HOUSE BELONGING TO JULIUS PILT, WHO IS ABLE TO CONTROL A PREHISTORIC CREATURE WHICH DWELLS IN LAKE DREDNOR. BRIAN AND DUFFY SET OUT TO RESCUE THE BRAIN...

MY HEAD! IT FEELS AS THOUGH THE BRAIN IS TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING, DUFFY. I FEEL SURE ITS IN SOME TERRIBLE DANGER!

TRY NOT TO WORRY, BRIAN! WE'LL FIND A WAY OF RESCUING THE BRAIN. WE MUST!

THEY START TO CROSS THE LONELY SCARSDALE MOORS.

JULIUS PILT IS ALWAYS PROWLING ABOUT THE MOOR. WE MUSTN'T BE SEEN!

WE'LL MAKE USE OF EVERY SCRAP OF COVER—EVERY BUSH AND TREE.

UNKNOWN TO THE BOYS THE FARMERS FROM THE MOOR HAVE ORGANISED A SEARCH THAT DAY.

ARMED WITH GUNS, THEY ARE HUNTING THE MONSTER OF THE LAKE!

BUT THE MONSTER IS STILL INSIDE JULIUS PILT'S STRANGE HOUSE. AND ITS CURIOSITY HAS BEEN AROUSED BY THE BRAIN.

OUURGH.

THIS CREATURE COULD EASILY CRUSH ME TO JELLY. I MUST ***CONCENTRATE!*** I MUST GAIN CONTROL OVER ITS MIND!

FOR LONG SECONDS THE SILENT STRUGGLE IS WAGED, THEN...

I'VE SUCCEEDED. THE CREATURE IS UNDER MY MENTAL CONTROL AND WILL DO MY BIDDING.

DIRECTED BY THE BRAIN THE MONSTER LEAVES THE HOUSE AND HEADS ACROSS THE MOOR.

I MUST REACH BRIAN—AND THIS CREATURE SHALL CARRY ME TO HIM.

BRIAN AND DUFFY ARE NOT FAR AWAY.

IT COULD BE JULIUS PILT. IF WE KEEP OUR HEADS DOWN AND DON'T MOVE, WE WON'T BE SEEN!

SSH! I CAN HEAR SOMEONE!

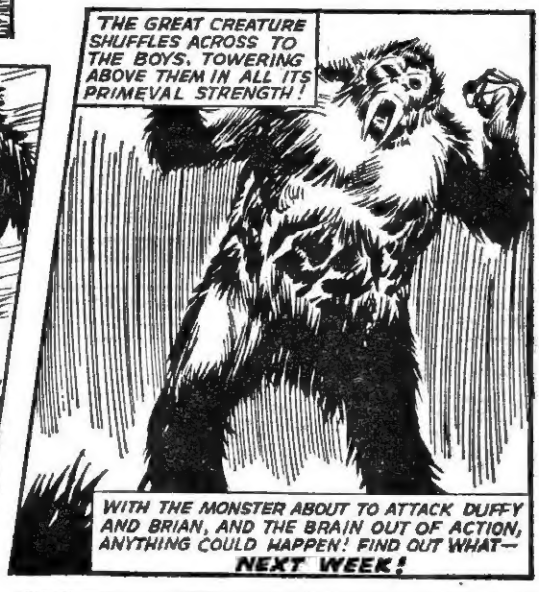
BUT IT IS ONE OF THE SEARCHING FARMERS WHO HAS STUMBLED ACROSS THE BOYS.

THERE'S SOMETHING IN THOSE BUSHES! WHAT WOULD BE HIDING THERE—BUT THE MONSTER!

THE BRAIN, CARRIED BY THE CREATURE, ARRIVES AT THE SPOT AS THE FARMER'S FINGER TIGHTENS ON THE TRIGGER OF HIS SHOT-GUN.

I DAREN'T TAKE CHANCES! I'LL SHOOT BEFORE THE THING ATTACKS ME!

BRIAN IS IN THOSE BUSHES! I ***SENSE*** IT! HE'LL BE KILLED—UNLESS I CAN DO SOMETHING!



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AND SPEAKING ABOUT COS'S COVETED COMIC! ... (well, that's what we have been doing these past few weeks. Because, after all, SMASH is worth talking on and on about) ... have YOU seen that one of the top characters in that peerless paper is now a T.V. STAR? We're talking about SUPERMAN, who recently joined forces with BATMAN in Smash. Yep, he now has his own weekly show, on Thames Television, and from what we hear gathering in a whole HOST of new fans. So if you happen to know any chums who are SUPERMAN fans, tellywise, tell 'em to go Power! To start reading SMASH! And that's advice that ANYONE should be delighted to take! Right? Right!

AND TALKING ABOUT 'TAKING ADVICE' ... over the months we've had sacks of missives from you tigers out there advising us to bring back this or that old favourite. (In other words, once a favourite, always a favourite.) And, especially, it seems with THE AVENGERS. Many Powerhousers slightly preferred the team when it numbered THOR and IRON MAN in its ranks. Others prefer the team the way it is ... and their advice is 'don't touch The Avengers' ... in other words, leave 'em the way they are!

Well, in fabulous FANTASTIC we've latched on to the advice dished out to us by BOTH schools of thought. We've brought back Tin Head and ol' thundering Goldilocks ... and joined them up again with the current team.

Meaning that the The Avenger line-up for this great new Fantastic saga, is: GOLIATH and WASP, HAWK-EYE, QUICKSILVER and SCARLET WITCH ... and THOR and IRON MAN! How's THAT for trying to please EVERYONE?! AND DON'T FORGET ... for WANDA and PIETRO fans (Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch, to their friends like you) FANTASTIC is currently offering you a DOUBLE attraction!! Because our mutant brother and sister also play a 'heavy' role in the X-MEN tale!

AND WHILE ON THE SUBJECT OF 'FANTASTIC' ... this week's issue introduces you to the latest, and surely one of the mightiest, super VILLAINS in the comics biz. Could there ever be a baddie more thumpingly awesome than ULIK?! (that's the character we've been talking about!!) Take it from us! ... we truly DOUBT it!

MEET TWENTY PROUD POWER-PACK PEOPLE...

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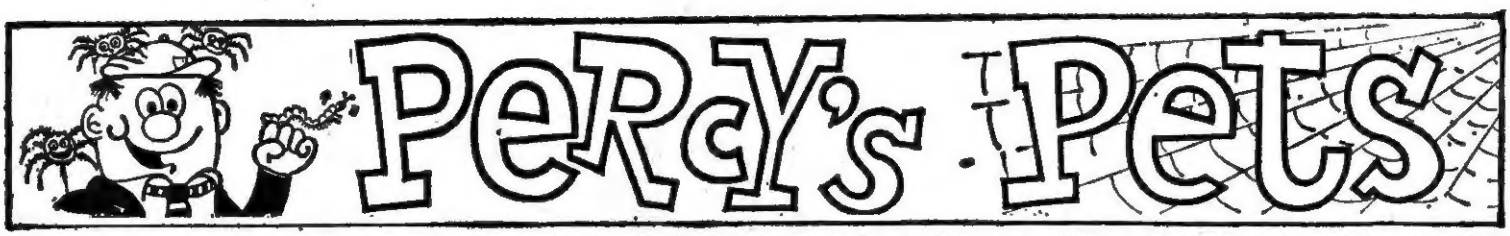
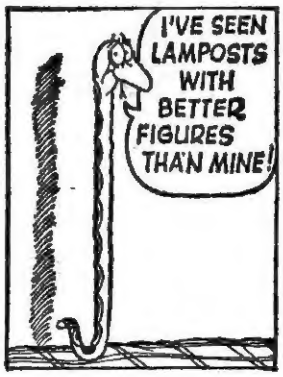

Percy's Pets

I WISH I HAD A FIGURE LIKE MANDIE MAW, THEN PERCY WOULD PUT A PIN-UP OF ME ON HIS WALL. SIGH!
MANDIE MAW


I'VE SEEN LAMPOSTS WITH BETTER FIGURES THAN MINE!

I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO SOME BODY-BUILDING EXERCISES!

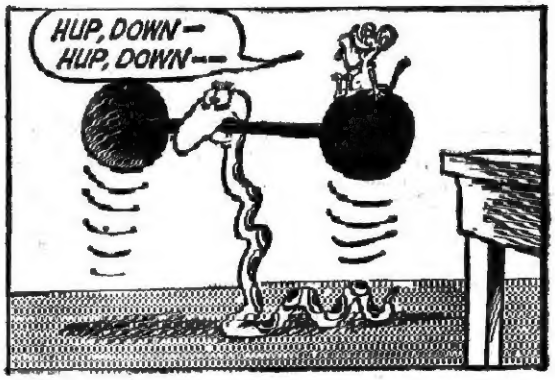
SUFFERIN' SNAKEPITS! WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING AT, SAMANTHA?
PUFF! IT'S NOT EASY WHEN YOU'VE NO HANDS! —GULP!

ER... THEY SAY SKIPPING'S GOOD EXERCISE, PERCY— PERHAPS YOU CAN HELP...

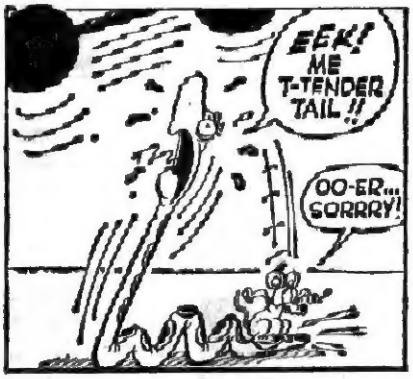
SOMEHOW, I DON'T THINK THIS IS RIGHT— IT'S ME WHO'S GETTING ALL THE EXERCISE!
SALT-MUSTARD -VINEGAR—

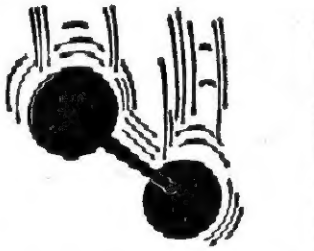
—I'M FINISHED! PHEW!
HUH! NOT EVEN THE START OF A CURVE!

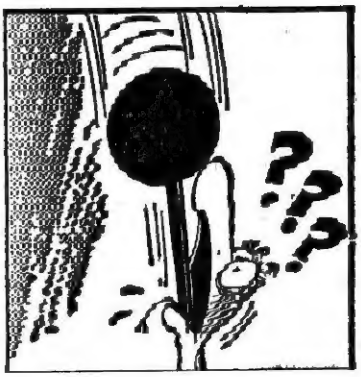
IF YOU WANT TO BE A DUMB BLONDE—YOU SHOULD USE DUMB-BELLS!
WHAT'S THE ODDS? —I'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE!


HUP, DOWN— HUP, DOWN—

ERK! I'M GETTING DIZZY!


EEK! ME T-TENDER TAIL!!
OO-ER... SORRRY!


WATCH THIS CLOSELY, LADS AND LASSES—IT COULD BE INTERESTING!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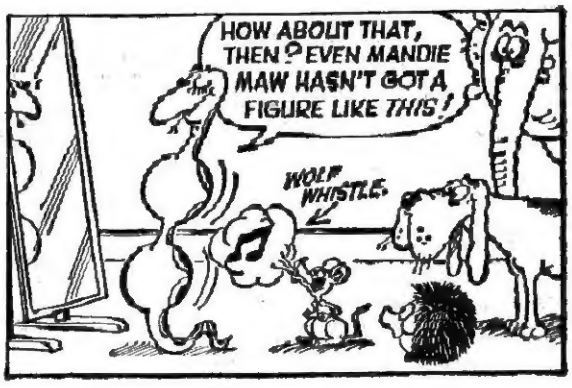
GLUB!
OH, HECK! SHE'S SWALLOWED IT! I'M FOR IT NOW!
THUD

COO!— THAT WAS LUCKY!


HOW ABOUT THAT, THEN? EVEN MANDIE MAW HASN'T GOT A FIGURE LIKE THIS!
WOLF WHISTLE.

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

"THE MOLTEN MAN REGRETS...!"

IT'S CHANGE-OF-PACE TIME ONCE AGAIN, SO CLIMB ABOARD FOR THE *ACTION...!*

THIS ONE IS FOR THE REAL OLD-FASHIONED, DYED-IN-THE-WOOL SPIDEY FANATICS WHO LIKE TO SEE OL' WEB-HEAD FIGHTING AS ONLY HE CAN! WE ENVY YOU... YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE YOURSELF A *BALL!*

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THUS, BY THE MAGIC OF OUR IMAGINATION, WE NOW BRIDGE THE GAP OF TIME! MANY DAYS LATER, AN EXCLUSIVE HIGH STREET JEWELLERY SHOP RECEIVES A DISTINGUISHED-LOOKING PATRON...
NO! NO! THOSE GEMS ARE ALL TOO ORDINARY--TOO PEDESTRIAN! HAVE YOU NOTHING MORE EXOTIC--MORE EXPENSIVE?!
WHY, YES SIR--WE DO! I'LL BE DELIGHTED TO SHOW THEM TO YOU!

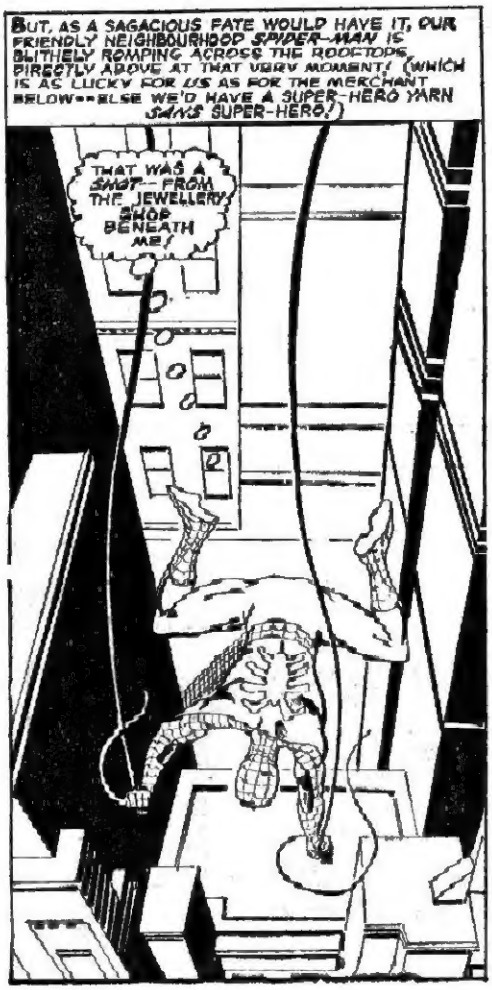
REMEMBER, MONEY IS OF NO CONCERN TO ME! I WILL ONLY CONSIDER YOUR VERY FINEST JEWELS!
I WISH I HAD A DOZEN MORE CUSTOMERS LIKE HIM! I COULD RETIRE IN A WEEK!
I'LL HAVE THEM FOR YOU IN A MOMENT, SIR--AS SOON AS I OPEN THE SAFE!

I'M SURE THESE ARE WHAT I WANT! DON'T EVEN BOTHER TO SHOW THEM TO ME! I'LL TAKE THEM ALL!
BUT--I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WAIT--YOU CAN'T--
UHHHH--!

SO! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A CROOK! WELL, YOU MAY HAVE FOOLED ME AT FIRST, BUT YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!
IF YOU THINK THAT TOY WILL STOP ME, YOU'RE IN FOR A VERY BIG SURPRISE!
RAISE YOUR HANDS--I WARN YOU! STAY BACK--!

YOU SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO--WHA--?!!
A BULLET-PROOF VEST! THAT HAS TO BE THE ANSWER!
SO YOU THINK IT'S A VEST, DO YOU?
CRACK!

CAN A VEST DO--THIS?!!
Y-YOU CRUSHED THE GUN--LIKE AN EGG--SHELL--!!


BUT, AS A SAGACIOUS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD SPIDER-MAN IS BLITHELY ROMPING ACROSS THE ROOFTOPS DIRECTLY ABOVE AT THAT VERY MOMENT! (WHICH IS AS LUCKY FOR US AS FOR THE MERCHANT BELOW--ELSE WE'D HAVE A SUPER-HERO YARN SANS SUPER-HERO!)
THAT WAS A SHOT--FROM THE JEWELLERY SHOP BENEATH ME!

OKAY, BEAVER! STAY WHERE YOU ARE TILL I LEARN WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!
SPIDER-MAN!

DON'T HIT ME! I'M NO MATCH FOR YOU! I GIVE UP! I GIVE UP!
GOOD DEAL! THAT'LL CAUSE US BOTH A LOT OF TROUBLE!
HE TRIED TO ROB ME!
I SORT OF GUESSED THAT!

MAN! BUT YOU DIDN'T GUESS THAT, I MERELY WANTED YOU TO RELAX YOUR GUARD--AND YOU DID! NOW IT'S MY TURN!
WOZZ
UNNNNNH...!

DIDN'T EXPECT A RECEPTION LIKE THIS, DID YOU?
I MUSTN'T LET UP! I'VE GOT TO KEEP HIM OFF-BALANCE--KEEP HIM ON THE RECEIVING END!

WHAT'S HOLDING YOU UP? YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN OUT COLD BY NOW!
HELP! HELP! POLICE! HELP!

DAMNATION! I FORGOT ABOUT THAT SCREECHING SALESMAN!
STOP HIM! SOMEBODY! HE'S GETTING AWAY! UNNNH!
COPS'LL BE HERE SOON! I'VE GOT TO SCRAM!
LOOK OUT! WATCH IT! YOU'RE IN MY WAY!

THEN, BY THE TIME SPIDEY CAN REACH THE DOOR...
IT FIGURED! HE'S GONE!

BUT, HE'S TOO STRONG--TOO DANGEROUS TO RUN FREE!
MAYBE IF I REACH THE ROOF IN TIME, I CAN SPOT HIM FROM UP THERE!

BUT, AS USUAL, SPIDEY'S LUCK RUNS TRUE TO FORM --ALL BAD!
LOOKS LIKE I LOST HIM! NOW TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T PICK UP THE TRAIL AGAIN!

MINUTES LATER, THE "BIG SPENDER" REACHES HIS DECREPIT DIGS...
THERE! ONCE I DESTROY THIS DISGUISE, THERE'LL BE NOTHING TO LINK THE MOLTEN MAN WITH THAT ESCAPED GEM THIEF!
THE ONLY THING WRONG IS--I ESCAPED EMPTY-HANDED! IN THE EXCITEMENT, I LEFT THE LOOT BEHIND!

SO SPIDER-MAN FOULED ME UP ONCE MORE! BUT IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN--
--'CAUSE IF IT DOES, I'LL FINISH HIM OFF --FOR GOOD!
AN IDLE BOAST? YOU'LL SEE--NEXT WEEK! BUT NOW TURN ON A FEW MORE PAGES FOR A BIG EXTRA SURPRISE!

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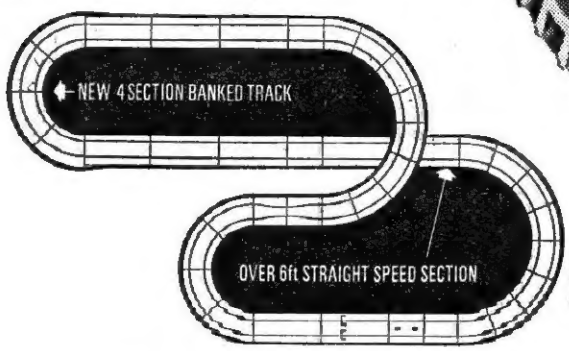

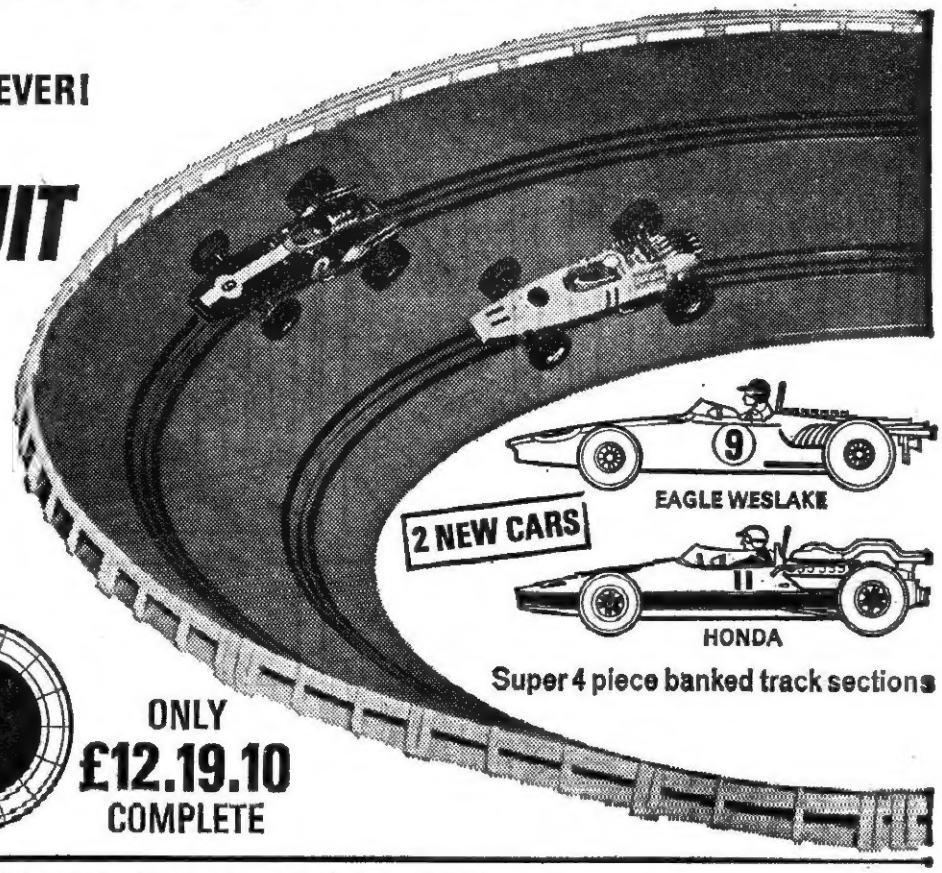

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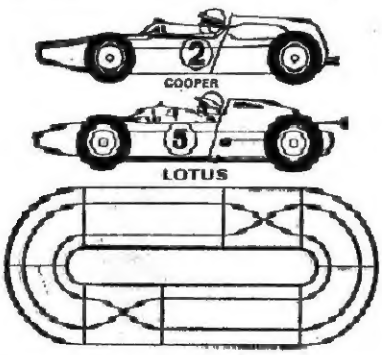

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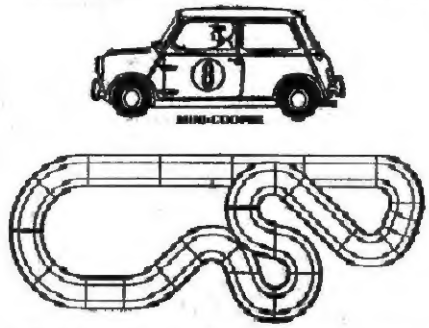

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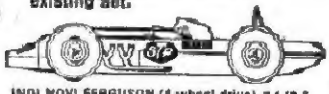

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UH?

— YES — I'LL HAVE THE ICE CREAM — AND YOU CAN HAVE THE CONE!

ARGH! SHE'S NICKED MY VANILLA ICE CREAM WITH HER ROTTEN YO-YO!

THIEVIN' PENNY!

WANT ME TO STIR UP YOUR TEA WIV' MY YO-YO, MISTER?

GETOUTOFIT!

CLUCK CLUK!

BRICKLAYER

— HERE — HAVE A FISH-PASTE SANDWICH!

I HATE FISH-PASTE!

?

GLOP!

GLARGH! SHE'SH SHTOLEN MY TEEFSH!!

SLUP!

AHA!

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STARTER BUTTON

I CAN'T HEAR A WORD YOU'RE SAYING WITH YOUR TEETH OUT.

KIND PENNY'S GIVEN ME THESE TEETH TO PLAY WITH!

CLACKETTY-CLACKETTY-CLACK!

I SHAID THIGH ISH THE NEW SHEMENT MIXSHER, GUV!

GIANT AUTOMATIC CEMENT MIXER

WHIZZZ!

THUD!

STARTER BUTTON

GLUG!

TI-TUM!

SPLUDGE!

I'LL HIDE INSIDE THIS CABLE DRUM!

CEMENT

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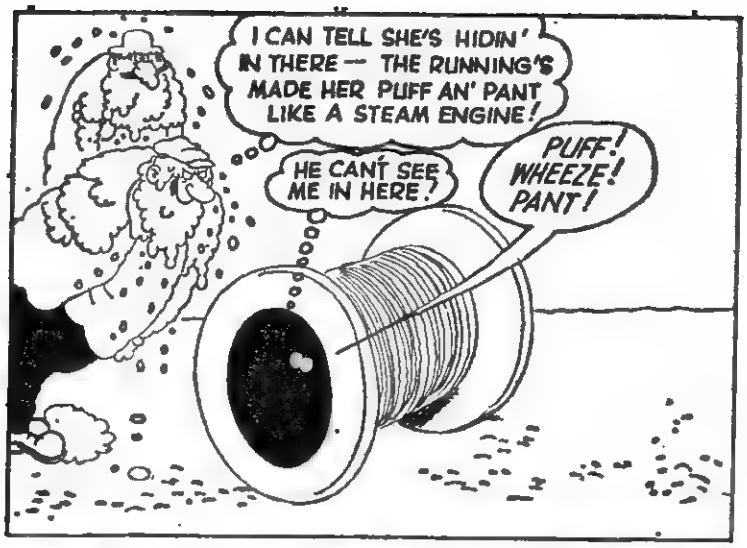

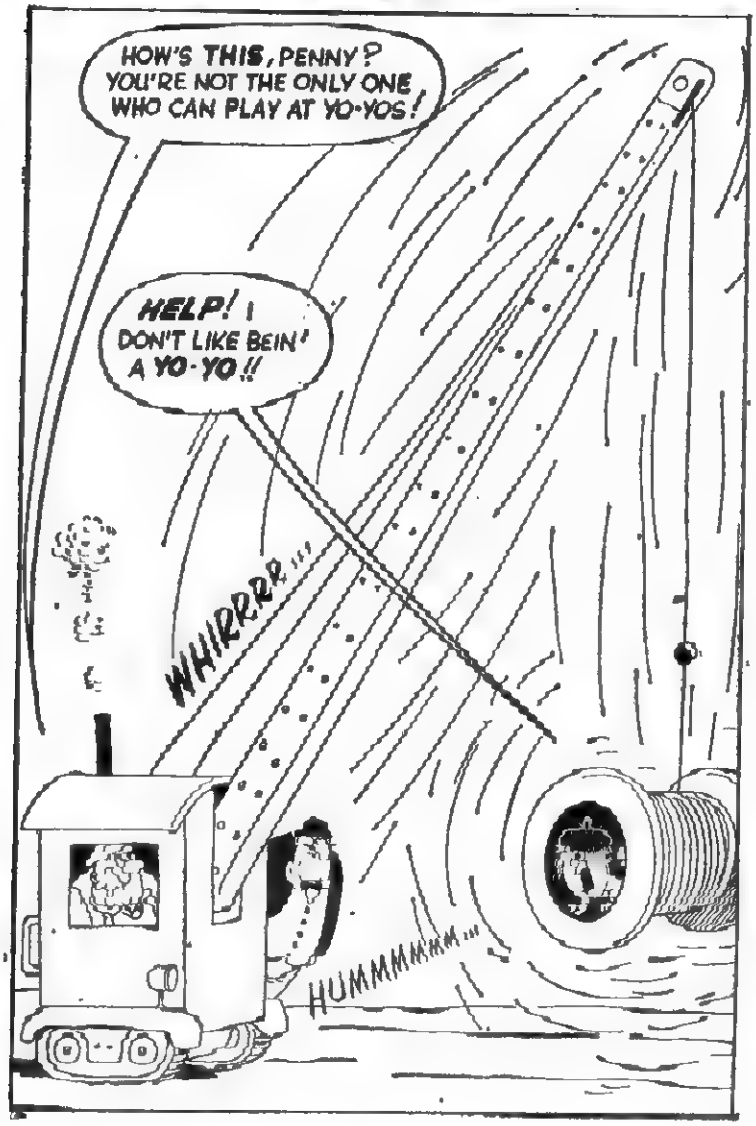

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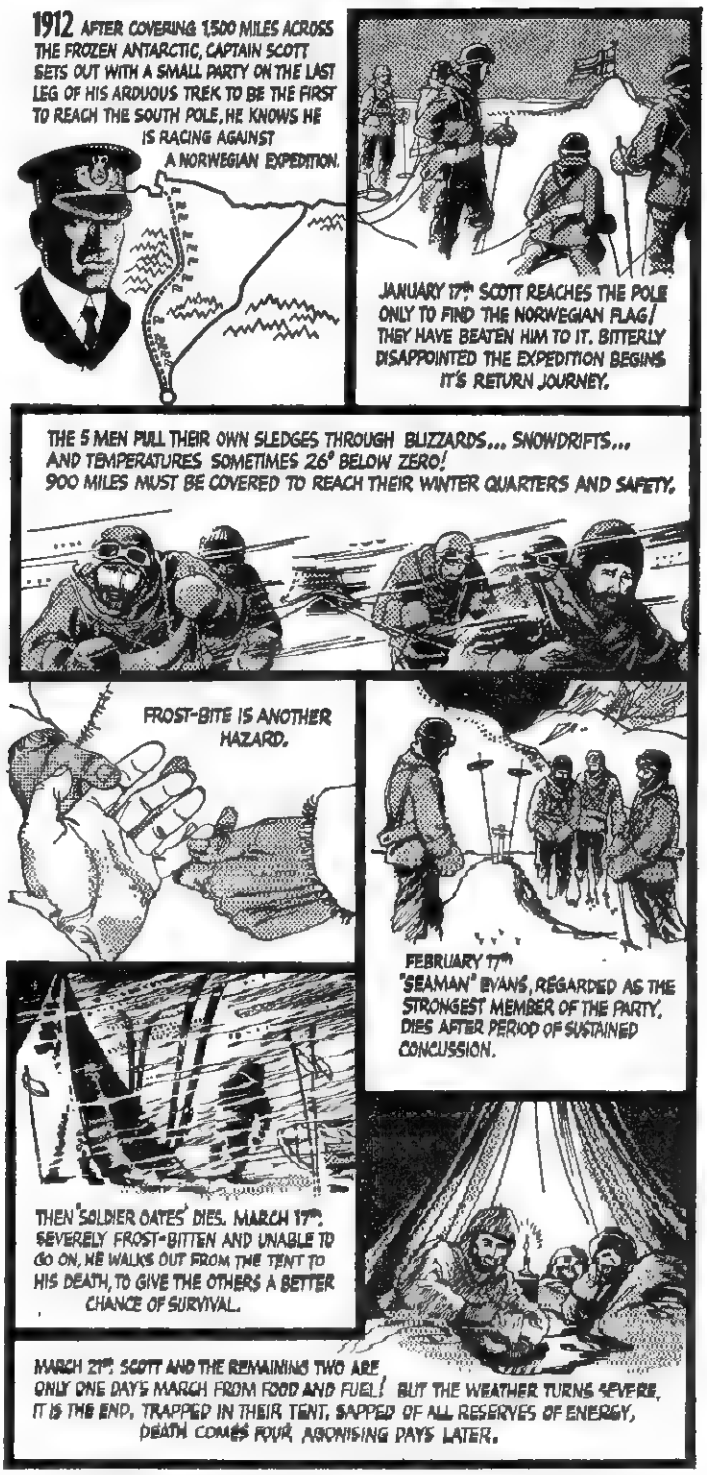

BUT SCOTT AND HIS BRAVE FOLLOWERS ARE HEROES, NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN AS LONG AS COURAGE IS VALUED IN MAN.

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THE CLOAK MEETS DEATHSHEAD

OUR HERO HAS JUST BEEN PULLED OUT OF THE SEA BY A PASSING SHIP — ONLY TO FIND THAT THE CREW ARE ALL G.H.O.U.L AGENTS SAILING FOR THEIR BASE ON SKULL ISLAND...

H'MM! I RECKON I'D BETTER WAIT UNTIL THEY REACH DRY LAND BEFORE I TRY TO ESCAPE! THEY DON'T KNOW THAT I KNOW THEY'RE ALL AGENTS OF G.H.O.U.L, SO I'LL PLAY IT COOL!

. . . . . .

HEH! HEH! IT'S A GOOD JOB WE KNOW THE SECRET PASSAGES THROUGH THE SEAWEED OR OUR SHIP WOULD GET STUCK THE SAME AS THOSE OTHER OLD WRECKS!

'ER — WE'VE ARRIVED AT DRY LAND. YOU'D BETTER COME WITH ME — I SHALL HAVE TO REPORT PICKING YOU UP.

OKAY. LEAD THE WAY.

HA! THE VILLAIN WANTS TO TAKE ME INTO THE HEADQUARTERS OF G.H.O.U.L! TIME I PULLED OUT!

ALL MY GADGETS HAVE DRIED OUT! I RECKON IT'S ABOUT TIME I USED ONE THEM!

THIS INSTANT KNOCKOUT GAS IS GUARANTEED TO GIVE YOU A NICE, LONG SLEEP! PLEASANT DREAMS!

CHOKE!

PFFFT!

MY CAPE WILL PROTECT ME FROM THE GAS! NOW TO GET OUT OF HERE!

A SINGLE-SEATER PLANE! JUST THE THING I NEED TO MAKE MY ESCAPE! I'LL FLY OUT OF HERE IN STYLE!

THE CLOAK WARMS UP THE ENGINE AND TAKES OFF!

VROOM!

I JUST HOPE I CAN GET FAR AWAY BEFORE THEY REALISE WHAT'S HAPPENING!

BOOM!

BOOM!

BOOM!

BOOM!

BOOM!

PHEW! I MADE IT! I'M OUT OF RANGE OF THEIR ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN!

Zor!

Boom!

Pok!

Krak!

Boff!

LATER, OVER THE MAINLAND...

YIKES! NOW I'M IN TROUBLE! JUST LOOK WHO'S FLYING THAT JET!

BOOM!

RRRRR!!

HAA! I WAS JUST RETURNING TO BASE WHEN THE SUPREME GHOUL RADIOED THAT YOU'D ESCAPED! NOW I'LL SHOOT YOU DOWN!

YAK! YAK! A BULLS-EYE EVERY TIME!

ERK! HE'S CLIPPED MY TAIL FEATHERS! MUST TRY TO GLIDE DOWN TO THE JUNGLE BELOW AND CRASH-LAND IN THE TREES!

BOOM!

OOF! JUST MADE IT! THE THICK FOLIAGE SOFTENED THE BLOW!

KRAK!

SNAP!

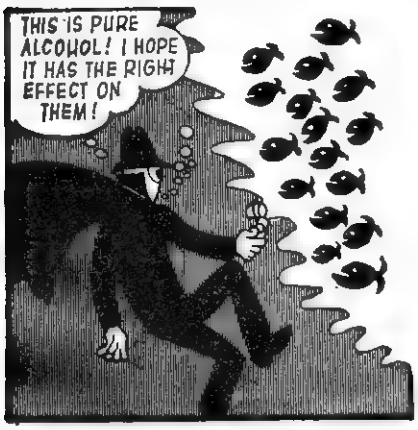
BAH! HE'S LANDED IN ONE PIECE! I'LL USE MY ANTI-GRAVITY BELT TO CARRY ME DOWN THERE WHILE MY JET RETURNS TO BASE ON REMOTE CONTROL!

MY LASER RIFLE WILL SOON CLEAR THE UNDERGROWTH! I'LL HUNT THE CLOAK LIKE A WILD ANIMAL!

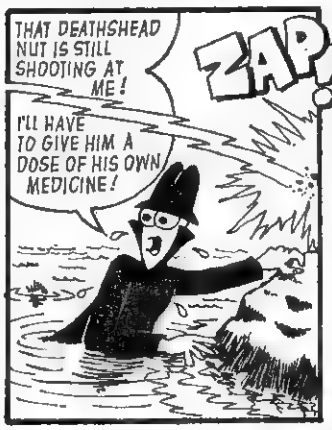
GULP! IT'S OLD BONE DOME AGAIN! START MOVING, LEGS!
BZAP!
HAA! I'VE FOUND YOU! NOW YOU'LL DIE!

I'LL SWIM ACROSS THIS RIVER UNDERWATER! HE CAN'T HIT ME IF HE CAN'T SEE ME!

CRIKEY! DEADLY PIRANA! THOSE FINNY FIENDS CAN STRIP THE FLESH FROM YOUR BONES IN A MINUTE FLAT!


THIS IS PURE ALCOHOL! I HOPE IT HAS THE RIGHT EFFECT ON THEM!

HEH! HEH! IT WORKED! THOSE VICIOUS FISHES ARE DRUNK! NOW TO SWIM FOR THE SHORE!


THAT DEATHSHEAD NUT IS STILL SHOOTING AT ME!
ZAP!
I'LL HAVE TO GIVE HIM A DOSE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE!

LET'S SEE HOW THE MURDEROUS MORON STANDS UP TO A COUPLE OF CONCUSSION BLASTS!
FLING!

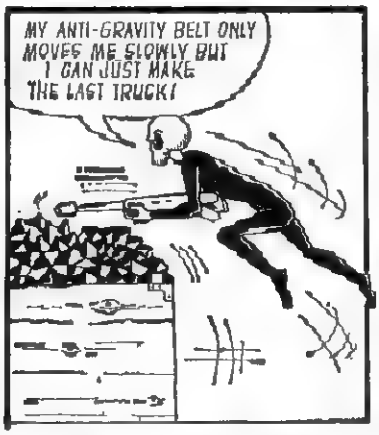
NYAHAHAHAA! YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT, CLOAKED CLOWN!
SPLOT!
FIZZ!

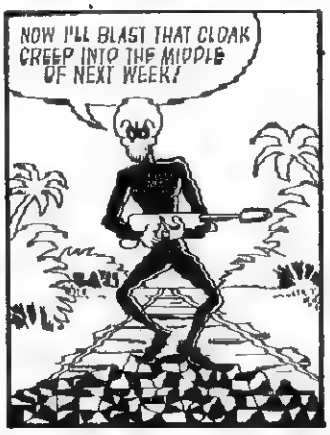
WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT? THE ROTTEN THINGS GOT SOAKED TO SOGGINESS IN THE RIVER!

THAT NUT IS USING HIS ANTI-GRAVITY BELT TO FLOAT ACROSS THE RIVER! I'LL HAVE TO NIP OFF INTO THE JUNGLE!

I'M IN LUCK! IT'S A FREIGHT TRAIN! THE RAILWAY MUST RUN ROUND THE EDGE OF THE JUNGLE!
CHUG!
CHUFF!

I'D BETTER HITCH A LIFT OUT OF HERE!

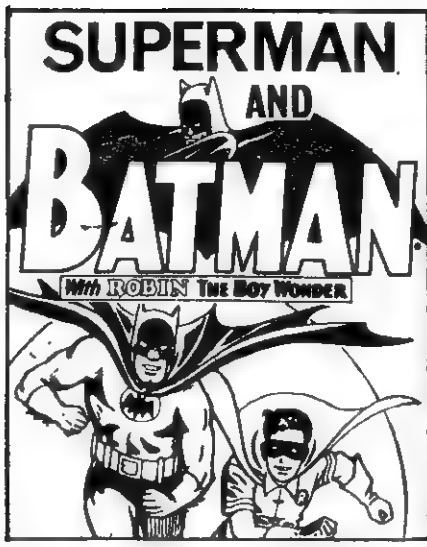

MY ANTI-GRAVITY BELT ONLY MOVES ME SLOWLY BUT I CAN JUST MAKE THE LAST TRUCK!


NOW I'LL BLAST THAT CLOAK CREEP INTO THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK!

AH! LOOK WHAT I'VE GOT! THIS POLYTHENE HAS KEPT MY EXPLOSIVE SHELL PISTOL DRY! AT LEAST I CAN DEFEND MYSELF!

BLAM!
ZAP!
POK!
FOOM!
ZAP!
BLAM!

GULP! I'VE ONLY GOT ONE SHELL LEFT AND THAT VILE VILLAIN STILL HAS HIS LASER RAY GUN! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
WILL DEATHSHEAD BLAST THE CLOAK INTO THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK? FIND OUT — AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK!



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MEANWHILE, AT GOTHAM CITY, THE WEEKS PASS, AND ROBIN'S BROKEN LEG HEALS...
SURE FEELS GOOD TO GET THAT CAST OFF!
NOW THE TRICK IS TO GET IN SHAPE AGAIN!
BOB KANE

SO KEEP AT IT, CHUM!

I FEEL AS STRONG AS SUPERMAN RIGHT NOW!

AT LAST, FULLY RECOVERED, ROBIN REJOINS BATMAN ON NIGHTLY PATROL!
POLICE-RADIO SAYS ALARM IS RINGING AT THE DIAMOND MART!
-- JUST A BLOCK AWAY!

--AND HERE WE ARE!

SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES, BATMAN!
GLAD YOU'RE BACK, ROBIN!
SOCK
POW

BUT IN DISTANT METROPOLIS--
CROOKS ROBBING A BANK BELOW—I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!

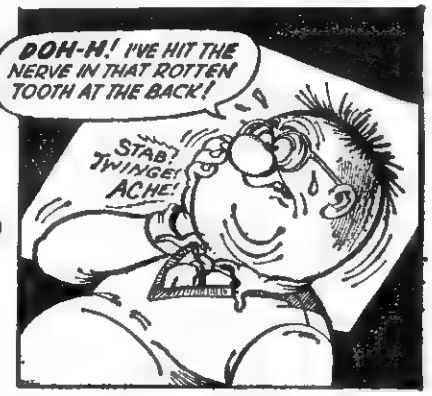
AND SUDDENLY, THE MAN OF STEEL STRIKES THE GROUND WITH STUNNING FORCE!
IT -- IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN!!

WHO IS THAT CHAP IN THE SUPERMAN SUIT?
CAN'T BE THE GREAT MAN HIMSELF! HE LOOKS TIRED!
MAYBE HE'S GOT A HANGOVER! BETTER GIVE HIM A DIME FOR A CUP OF COFFEE!
THIS ...THIS AWFUL DIZZINESS... THE TERRIBLE WEAKNESS...
METROPOLIS BANK
... I-I CAN'T M-MOVE!
MORE SUPER-BATVENTURE NEXT ISH!

THE NERVS

Hee-hee!-
COR! THESE BULLS-EYES DON'T HALF LAST A LONG TIME! — I'LL GIVE THIS ONE A CRUNCH!

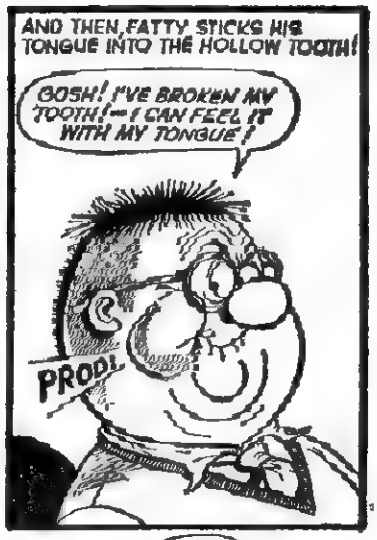
CRUNCH!
EE-EEK!


DOH-H! I'VE HIT THE NERVE IN THAT ROTTEN TOOTH AT THE BACK!
STAB! TWINGE! ACHE!

AND NOW, DEAR READERS, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT NO·9, MOLAR ROW, IN FATTY'S CAKEHOLE —
WOW! A BULLS-EYE!
OUCH!
FATTY'S AT IT AGAIN!
HE'S CRUNCHED IN MICK MOLAR'S ROOF!
WHY DOESN'T FATTY SUCK THINGS INSTEAD OF CRUNCHIN' 'EM?
YEAH! HE'LL CRUNCH IN ALL OUR ROOFS BEFORE LONG!

BUMDROPS! ANISEED BALLS! — AN' NOW BLOOMIN' BULLSEYES! IT'S TOO MUCH!
HE'S DEAD RIGHT, YOU KNOW!
PATHETIC, ISN'T IT?
POOR OL' MICK! LEFT WITHOUT A ROOF OVER HIS HEAD!

S'NOT FAIR! HARDLY ANY HOME LEFT! NEXT THING I KNOW, I'LL BE EXTRACTED!
EVICTED, YOU MEAN, DEAR BOY!


AND THEN, FATTY STICKS HIS TONGUE INTO THE HOLLOW TOOTH!
GOSH! I'VE BROKEN MY TOOTH! — I CAN FEEL IT WITH MY TONGUE!
PROD!

FOR MICK MOLAR THE RESULT IS DISASTROUS!
ERK! HELP! — SAVE ME!!
SPLUB!
GOSH! THAT'S GOT HIM LICKED!

THAT'LL STOP THE MONSTER!
SWISH!
JAB!
SLURP!

EE-OUCH!
M-M-M! I MUST'VE CAUGHT IT ON A SHARP BIT OF TOOTH!

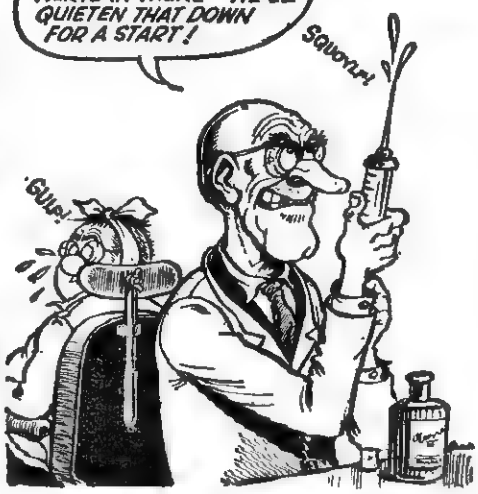
GOSH! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING FOR IT — I'D BETTER GO TO THE DENTIST AN' GET THAT TOOTH FIXED!
THROB! THROB! THROB!

MESSAGE FROM THE EAR NERVS, LAD .... FATTY'S GOIN' TO GET YOUR PLACE REPAIRED!
COR! I RECKON WE SHOULD SPARE A THOUGHT FOR OUR COMRADES IN THE KNEE DEPT. THEY'RE IN FOR A LOT OF KNOCKIN' IF FATTY'S GOIN' TO THE DENTIST!
PAT-PAT

15 FRANTIC MINUTES LATER IN THE JOINT WHERE THE KNEE NERVS LIVE —
FATTY'S GOING TO THE DENTIST! — IT'S OUT OF CONTROL! — 'ANG ON, LADS!
KNEE-KNOCKER REGULATOR.
WEAK
MEDIUM
STRONG
HOLD ON TO YOUR BLITHER'IN BOOTS.
KNEE-CAP Nº 1
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK

OH, W-WELL! HERE G-G-GOES!
CLANG!
TUG
L TUGEM, DENTIST
BITHER
KNOCK-KNOCK!
KNOCK-KNOCK!

NEXT, PLEASE! — AHH, FATTY — COME IN, LAD — YOU KNOW THE DRILL! HEH! HEH! HEH!
SURGERY
DOH-H-H!
GULP!
KNOCK
KNOCK-KNOCK


YOU'VE GOT A NAGGING NERVE IN THERE — WE'LL QUIETEN THAT DOWN FOR A START!
SQUOYLL!
GULP!

BAH! NAG-NAG-NAG! — SUPPOSE I'D BETTER GET THE PLACE CLEANED UP BEFORE THE REPAIRS START! NAG-NAG!

PRANG!

YOW!
PRANG! STING! THROB!
ZIP

ONE PARTIAL RECOVERY FROM SHOCK LATER —
IT'S A NEW HIGH-SPEED DRILL.
OOER!! WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHIR-R-R
IT'S MAKING A LOVELY JOB OF YOUR TOOTH, MICK!
SOOTHING CREAM

LATER —
OOH! SMASHING! A ROOF OVER MY HEAD WITH NO CRACKS IN IT!
BEST QUALITY CONCRETE
YEAH! YOU WON'T FEEL A THING IF FATTY CRUNCHES SWEETS ON IT IN FUTURE!

AND, AS FATTY TAKES HIS LEAVE —
IN FUTURE, CLEAN YOUR TEETH MORE OFTEN, LAD! GIVE THEM A TREAT NOW AND AGAIN!
HEE! HEE! DON'T WORRY! — I'LL GIVE 'EM ONE NOW WITH SPEARMINT LUMPS!

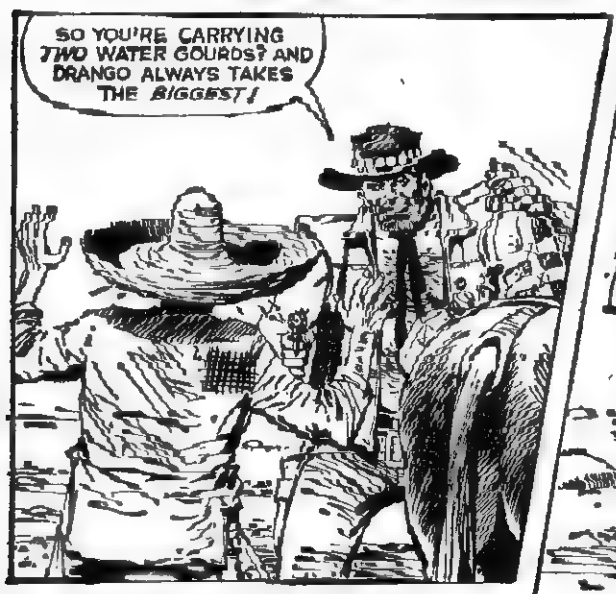
A TOWN CALLED DRANGO

ONLY A RUTHLESS MAN, ONLY A BIG MAN OF INCREDIBLE STRENGTH COULD HAVE DONE WHAT DRANGO DID THEN.....
NO, DRANGO, NO!
HE'S DESTROYED THE BRIDGE! HE'S TRAPPED US... BETWEEN THE LAW AND THAT RAVINE!
THE DEVIL CURSE YOU, DRANGO! CURSE YOU!

BUT THERE WERE TWO ENEMIES LEFT THAT BIG DRANGO HAD TO MEET... THE PITILESS DESERT AND THE BLAZING SUN!
MY LUCK! I ALWAYS HAD IT BIG! BUT NOW IT'S RUNNING OUT! MY HORSE STRAINING ITS FOOT IN THAT GOPHER HOLE! NOW I'VE GOT TO WALK.....!

AND NOW.... THE LAST OF MY WATER!

BUT A MOMENT LATER.....
HUHHHH? MAYBE MY LUCK HASN'T RUN OUT...!


SO YOU'RE CARRYING TWO WATER GOURDS? AND DRANGO ALWAYS TAKES THE BIGGEST!

WITH ALL THIS WATER I CAN WALK OUT OF THIS SAND-HELL! I DON'T NEED THE OTHER GOURD!.. AND I DON'T NEED THAT SPAVINED BURRO. AND NOR, HOMBRE, DO I NEED YOU...!
NO, SEÑOR! DON'T..... AAAAAHHHHH!

THREE HOURS PASSED, AND DRANGO'S VICTIM STIRRED....
I HAVE HAD MUCH LUCK! THE GRINGO MUST HAVE BEEN DAZZLED BY THE SUN AND HIS AIM WAS POOR. MY WOUND IS NOT SERIOUS.....

AND BECAUSE HE HAD THE BIG GOURD, HE DID NOT CONSIDER THIS SMALLER ONE OF IMPORTANCE. THUS I HAVE WATER ENOUGH FOR ME TO SURVIVE THE DESERT....

BUT HE!... THE BIG GRINGO... HE WHO CHOSE THE BIG GOURD! ALTHOUGH HE TRIED TO KILL ME...! FEEL PITY! FOR HE WILL SOON LEARN SOMETHING... SO TERRIBLE... IT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN TO ANY MAN!

Dear Alf and Cos,
Here's a poem for you.
I like the Cloak, I think he's great,
Spiderman would be any girl's date,
I like Fatty with his ills and chills,
And the short story with its thrills and spills.
Without your smashing comic
I wouldn't know what to do,
And I wouldn't be reading it now
If it wasn't for both of you!

Phillip J. Edwards,
Rhyl, N. Wales.

P.S.—If I win anything I will be glad,
If I don't, well, that's too bad!

Dear Phillip, we'll reply in kind,
And thank you very nicely,
For putting your opinions down
So poetically and precisely!

Alf and Cos.

Dear Alf and Cos,
Do you like this one?
Boy (to teacher): Would you punish me for something I didn't do?
Teacher: No, of course not!
Boy: Oh, well, I didn't do my homework last night!

Frances Grant,
Wellington, Surrey.

Dear Alf and Cos,
In ish 131 in Daredevil, the last picture shows D.D. walking away with a long slit across his right shoulder. And in ish 132 it has gone. Did he find a tailor in the heart of Europe or has he got a self-mending suit? Also, in ish 132 in the summary of Ka-Zar, the two halves of the medallion are said to fit exactly, but in the ish in which it happened, the pieces were said to be identical. Why?

Carl Laurie,
Anglesey, Wales.

That was no slit in D.D.'s costume, that was blood! Trickling down from a minute wound which soon ceased to worry him and which made such a small puncture in his costume it was never noticed. And the second point—the two halves of the medallion were identical in the sense that they were each a half, and a half of the same medallion at that! To quibble further, frantic one, would be pure pedantry—we're sure you'd agree! Okay? Okay!

Alf and Cos.

Dear Alf, Cos and Jovial Jane,
Who is Jovial Jane?

Roger Harris,
Eastbourne, Sussex.

Who is Jovial Jane? Well may you ask! Well might we answer — if we knew just what to say! Now let's try to think of something nice—she sings while she works—off key: she types like a willing workhorse—with hooves instead of fingers!—She makes the coffee—never strong enough . . . but we'd better stop, or she won't make it at all! And if we want to get this letter page past her, we'll have to do it while she's on holiday—she swings a mean em-rule!

Alf and Cos.

Dear Alf and Cos,
I have only just started to read SMASH and I think it's great. But, no offence to SMASH, don't you think Batman is a bit out of date and much weaker than super-heroes like Spiderman, the F.F. and Daredevil?

David Smith,
Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

Well, strictly speaking we don't agree with you that Batman is out of date and anything less meriting the description of "weak" we can't imagine! But if it's super-heroes you're after, you should be feeling happy enough right now, what with Spidey and D.D. and Batman and Superman and Aquaman . . . and did you mention something about the fabulous Fantastic Four? Well, sssshhh . . . we're not exactly saying anything, not just yet—but you may soon have more super-heroes than you can count on the fingers of both hands! But that's a secret.

Alf and Cos.

DON'T KEEP US IN THE DARK!

When you write to us, fill in the coupon below and enclose it with your letter. Then we can be sure that we are filling the paper with the features you like best!

My favourite feature is:
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My 2nd favourite feature is:
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To: Smash, 64 Long Acre,
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DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

"MIKE MURDOCK MUST DIE!"

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YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THAT IT'S ONLY YOUR CAPER I'M SMASHING!
IF I DIDN'T TAKE THE TROUBLE TO PULL MY PUNCH, YOU'D BE GUMMIN' YOUR FOOD TILL THE COWS COME HOME!
BOK!

HEY, SPIDEY-- IS THIS A PRIVATE FIGHT --OR CAN ANYBODY JOIN THE PARTY?
WHOOPS! SORRY ABOUT THAT, CHARLIE!
HORNHEAD!! WHO INVITED YOU?
HA!
WHUMMPHH!

COME TO THINK OF IT, NOBODY INVITED ME!
MAYBE I OUGHTTA TRY A GOOD MOUTHWASH!
BACK IN LINE, CHUCKLES!
THAT'S A GOOD KID!
THOP!

TELL ME SOME THING, SPIDEY--
SEEN ANYTHING OF A GUY CALLED STILT-MAN?
NO! NOW GET LOST, HUH?
SOMEONE MIGHT THINK IT TOOK TWO OF US TO LICK THREE PENNY-ANTE HOODS!

OKAY, WEB-HEAD-- YOU CAN TAKE THE CREDIT ALL FOR YOURSELF!
BUT, IF YOU HAPPEN TO RUN INTO A SINISTER SCHIZO ON METAL STILTS, SAVE HIM FOR ME, HUH?
WHAT'S WITH YOU, FELLA? DON'T YOU EVER SMILE?
HOW CAN YOU TELL I'M NOT SMILING--UNDER MY MASK?
OH, MATTHEW--YOU LEFT YOURSELF WIDE OPEN FOR THAT ONE!!
HOW DO YOU KNOW I HAVEN'T GOT X-RAY EYES?
IF THAT DOESN'T THROW HIM OFF THE TRAIL, NOTHING WILL!

OKAY? END OF SURPRISE! WE'LL DO SOME SCENE-SWITCHING NOW AND JOIN THE MYSTERIOUS MASKED MARAUDER AS HE SHOWS HIS SECRET HILLTOP HIDEOUT TO THE MAN HE HAS RESCUED FROM DAREDEVIL--
BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, IT SHOULD BE CHILD'S PLAY TO DEFEAT THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
AND, AS YOU CAN SEE, I AM NOT WITHOUT THE MOST EFFECTIVE RESOURCES TO AID US IN OUR LITTLE ENDEAVOR!
A HELICOPTER! BIG DEAL! HOW CAN THAT MAKE SOMEONE LIKE DAREDEVIL ANY EASIER TO POLISH OFF?
I WAS HOPING YOU'D ASK!

I'LL BE GLAD TO ANSWER--JUST SO LONG AS YOU REMEMBER THAT IF NOT FOR ME YOU'D BE DAREDEVIL'S PRISONER BY NOW!
NOW--KINDLY OBSERVE HOW EASILY I ACTIVATE THE FORCE FIELD AROUND MY SHIP--!
FORCE FIELD!? WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SHOW YOU! IT'S MY LATEST-- AND PERHAPS MY GREATEST WEAPON!
THERE! NOW THAT IT'S ACTIVATED, I'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION--!

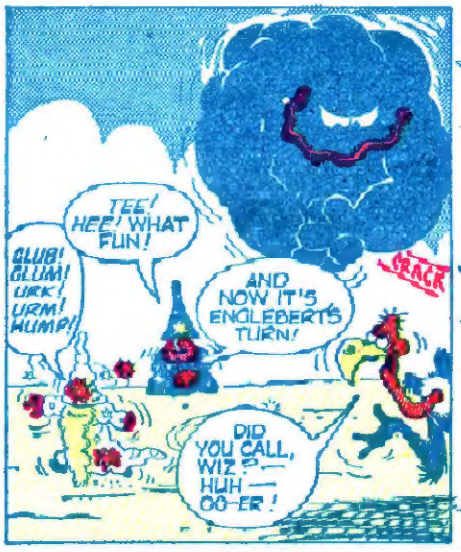
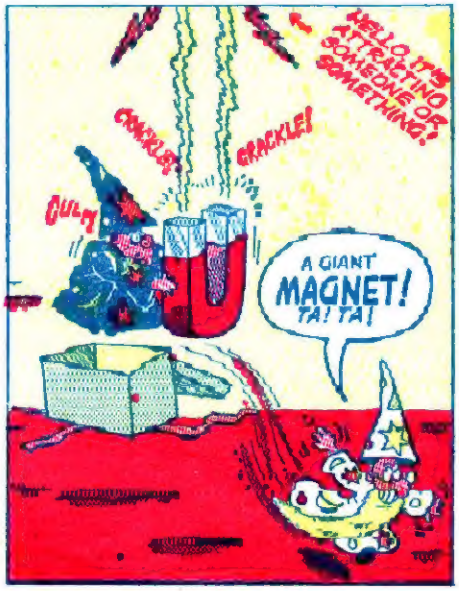
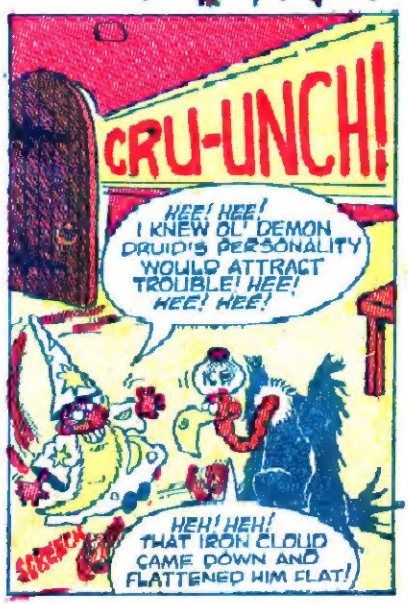
I SUSPECT THAT YOU'LL BE MORE THAN EAGER TO ALLY YOURSELF WITH ME AFTER YOU SEE WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO THIS HEAVY METAL BOX!
LOOK--YOU HELPED ME GET AWAY FROM DAREDEVIL BEFORE! OKAY! I'M NOT COMPLAINING! SOMEDAY I'LL DO YOU A FAVOUR, MAYBE! BUT THAT'S THE END OF IT!
WHAT I HAVE TO DO I CAN DO BEST BY MYSELF! THE STILT-MAN DOESN'T NEED ANY PARTNERS!
IF YOU STILL FEEL THE SAME WAY AFTER THE NEXT MINUTE, YOU'RE FREE TO GO!
BUT, UNTIL THEN--JUST KEEP YOUR EYE ON THIS--!

SO, YOU THINK THIS IS JUST AN ORDINARY HELICOPTER, EH?
JUST WATCH THE BOX--!

FLIP SST!
IT--IT DISINTEGRATED!
OH! YOU NOTICED?
STILL THINK WE SHOULDN'T TEAM UP?
OKAY, MASKED MAN--YOU SOLD ME A BILL OF GOODS!
NOW COME WITH ME--I WANNA SHOW YOU SOMETHING!
JUST SO YOU DON'T THINK THAT FORCE FIELD MAKES YOU TOP DOG, I'LL DEMONSTRATE MY POWER!
I AM FULLY AWARE OF WHAT YOUR STILTS CAN DO!
BUT YOU NEVER SAW THEM IN ACTION!
WAIT'LL I PRESS THIS CONTROL STUD--!
CLICK!
WHAM!
WAS THIS FAST ENOUGH FOR YOU?
IT'S ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE!
YOUR STILTS MOVE FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW!!
HOW DO YOU SEE WHY I'M NOT EXACTLY HELPLESS WITHOUT A 'PARTNER'!!
HOW DID DAREDEVIL EVER BEAT YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE?
JUST A LUCKY FLUKE! NEXT TIME WE MEET, I'LL WIPE HIM OFF THE FACE OF THE MAP!
NOW THAT'S THE ATTITUDE I LIKE!
WE'LL MAKE A GREAT TEAM, YOU AND I!
NOW, HERE'S MY PLAN--
I KNOW THERE'S SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN THE STAFF OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW-- AND DAREDEVIL HIMSELF!
I'M CONVINCED THAT EITHER MURDOCK, NELSON, OR THE GIRL KNOW THE REAL IDENTITY OF OUR MASKED ENEMY!
THUS, THE WAY FOR US TO LEARN IT IS SIMPLE-- WE MERELY CAPTURE THEM ALL!
ONCE WE KNOW WHO THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR REALLY IS, IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE TO ATTACK HIM WHEN HE LEAST SUSPECTS IT!
NOW, THE FIRST THING WE'LL DO IS PAY A VISIT TO THAT OFFICE --TONIGHT--!
AND WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE WITH YOU— JUST FOR THE KICKS, NEXT ISH!

SOMETHING UNFORESEEN IS ALWAYS HAPPENING WHEN HE'S AROUND! —

WIZARD PRANG DEMON DRUID

IN WIZ WAR!

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